



# USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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## NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

**Weekly Trends:** Compared to last week slaughter lambs were 8.00 to as much as 50.00 lower, except at San Angelo, TX where they were firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady to 10.00 lower. Feeder lambs were steady to 10.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 4203 head sold in a one day sale. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes were not tested and no comparison on feeder lambs. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

### Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 105-175 lbs 126.00-140.00, few 146.00.  
VA: woolled 90-110 lbs 214.00; 110-130 lbs 197.00.  
PA: shorn and woolled 110-200 lbs 170.00-212.00.  
Ft. Collins, CO: no test.  
Billings, MT: no test.  
Kalona, IA: no test.  
South Dakota: shorn and woolled 124 lbs 144.50.  
Missouri: 140 lbs 147.00.  
Equity Elec: no sales.

### Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 230.00-250.00; 60-70 lbs 218.00-230.00; 70-80 lbs 210.00-220.00; 80-90 lbs 193.00-205.00, few 210.00-218.00; 90-105 lbs 190.00-202.00, few 208.00-210.00.  
50-90 lbs 275.00-295.00.  
Pennsylvania: no test.  
Kalona, IA: no test.  
Ft. Collins: 50-55 lbs 240.00-250.00; 65-75 lbs 230.00-240.00; 90-95 lbs 210.00-225.00; 110 lbs 200.00.  
Missouri: 40-50 lbs 207.50-240.00; 50-80 lbs 226.00-240.00; 85-95 lbs 206.00.  
Virginia: 30-60 lbs 200.00-220.00; 60-80 lbs 234.00-235.00; 80-110 lbs 231.00.  
South Dakota: no test.  
Billings, MT: no test.  
Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)

### Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 65.00-68.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 68.00-80.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 76.00-90.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 72.00-78.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 66.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 50.00-60.00.  
Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-107.00; Utility 1-2 63.00-78.00; Cull 1 60.00-68.00.  
Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 85.00-92.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 97.50-107.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 65.00-75.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 42.50-47.00.  
Billings, MT: Good 3-4 no test; Good 2-3 no test; Utility and Good 1-3 no test; Cull 1 no test.  
So Dakota: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 56.00-65.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 49.00-60.00; Utility 1-2 41.00-53.00; Cull 1 37.00-39.00.  
Missouri: Good 2-3 57.50-90.00; Cull 1 65.00-85.00.  
Virginia: Good 2-4 85.00-103.00; Utility 1-2 72.50-83.00.  
Kalona: Good 3-4 no test; Good 2-3 no test; Utility and Good 1-3 no test; Utility 1-2 no test; Cull and Utility 1-2 no test.

### Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: new crop 50-60 lbs 212.00-220.00; 60-70 lbs 209.00-212.00; 70-80 lbs 198.00-208.00; 80-90 lbs 190.00-206.00. old crop 90-100 lbs 156.00-172.00.  
Virginia: no test.  
Ft. Collins: 158 lbs 132.50.  
Billings: no test.

Kalona: no test.  
So Dakota: 38 lbs 305.00; 40-50 lbs 285.00-290.00; 55 lbs 300.00; 60-70 lbs 231.00-245.00; 70-80 lbs 220.00-232.50; 80-85 lbs 210.00-220.00.  
Missouri: 20-40 lbs 177.50-225.00.

### Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: baby tooth 103.00 per head; hair ewe lambs 60-80 lbs 230.00-240.00 cwt; yearling hair ewes 105 lbs 170.00 cwt; baby tooth hair ewes 110-135 lbs 132.00-160.00 cwt.  
Ft. Collins: no test.  
Billings: no test.  
So Dakota: bred solid mouth 165.00 per head.  
Kalona, IA: no test.  
Missouri: mixed age 70-105 lbs 125.00-170.00 cwt.  
Virginia: no test.

## NATIONAL DAILY LAMB CARCASS

Negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis.

Compared to last week: Carcasses were mixed: Carcasses 45 lbs and under were 12.75 higher; 45-55 lbs were 5.61 lower; 55-65 lbs were 5.89 higher; and 65 lbs and heavier carcasses were 0.49 to 1.32 lower.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	2,119
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	44	500.07	
45-55#	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		
55-65#	107	348.09	
65-75#	435	321.51	
75-85#	668	305.36	
85-UP	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		

* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	5,580
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	119	502.63	
45-55#	137	397.10	
55-65#	425	354.74	
65-75#	930	321.95	
75-85#	1,409	305.39	
85-UP	2,560	290.67	

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## USDA NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT

Week Ending 04/11/2015: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 46,125 head. 43,634 Lambs, 94.6% of total sheep slaughtered. 25,581 graded, 58.63% of total lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade (May include hindsaddles)					
Quality	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Prime	0.07%	1.37%	2.51%	2.03%	1.30%	7.29%
Choice	4.67%	30.72%	35.34%	15.03%	6.95%	92.71%
Total %	4.75%	32.09%	37.85%	17.06%	8.25%	

## HIGHLIGHTS

Weighted Avg Prices (Simple Avg rounded \*)

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS**  
Choice & Prime 2-3  
Shorn & Woolled (130 - 180 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
<a href="#">San Angelo, TX</a>	129.93	135.73
<a href="#">Worthing-Sioux Falls, SD</a>		
	N/Q	152.76
<a href="#">Ft Collins, CO</a>		N/Q

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
<a href="#">San Angelo, TX</a>	72.09	71.07
<a href="#">St. Onge, Newell, SD</a>		
	N/Q	N/Q
<a href="#">Ft. Collins, CO</a>		N/Q

**SLAUGHTER EWES**  
Good 2-3 & Good 3-4

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
<a href="#">San Angelo, TX</a>	102.50	98.75
<a href="#">St. Onge, Newell, SD</a>		
	N/Q	55.75*

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<a href="#">San Angelo, TX</a>	102.50	98.75
<a href="#">St. Onge, Newell, SD</a>		
	N/Q	55.75*
<a href="#">Ft. Collins, CO</a>		N/Q

**FEEDER LAMBS**  
Medium-Large 1-2 (90-110 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
<a href="#">San Angelo, TX</a>	182.00	N/Q
<a href="#">St. Onge, Newell, SD</a>		
	N/Q	N/Q

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<a href="#">San Angelo, TX</a>	182.00	N/Q
<a href="#">St. Onge, Newell, SD</a>		
	N/Q	N/Q
<a href="#">Ft. Collins, CO</a>		N/Q

**CARCASS LAMB**  
FOB PLANT \*SAT-FRI\*  
WT AVGS

	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	472.43	502.63
45-55#	404.85	397.10
55-65#	338.38	354.74
65-75#	320.44	321.95
75-85#	303.88	305.39
85#-Up	291.38	290.67
Last Year		
45#-Dn	472.43	
45-55#	404.85	
55-65#	338.38	
65-75#	320.44	
75-85#	303.88	
85#-Up	291.38	

## NATIONAL BOXED LAMB CUTS

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

### Current Volume

Fresh Cuts 1,014,013 pounds  
Frozen Cuts 138,782 pounds

\*Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.\*

### FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/65	7	2,828	\$372.17	(1.58)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	3	376	\$798.36	14.24
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	82	14,869	\$758.88	(3.33)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	5	3,638	\$676.74	22.68
204A	Rack, chined	29	12,400	\$884.03	(7.79)
204B	Rack, roast-ready	25	7,654	\$1,112.64	11.11
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	117	20,101	\$1,460.73	7.36
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	6	1,100	\$1,902.23	9.74
206	Shoulders	88	66,830	\$276.34	(1.20)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	227	134,909	\$291.12	0.97
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	40	15,169	\$536.16	0.46
209	Breast	132	38,106	\$232.08	4.66
	Breast, bulk	10	22,674	\$176.35	4.12
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	41	5,070	\$526.19	9.50
210	Foreshank	133	13,329	\$409.24	(5.23)
230	Hindsaddle	6	549	\$451.53	(5.04)
231	Loins	12	2,033	\$409.11	(14.97)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	95	18,097	\$508.58	(3.14)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	26	2,895	\$627.66	0.50
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	105	33,313	\$695.12	7.22
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	27	3,975	\$813.13	(3.64)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	17	1,127	\$1,655.16	59.88
232E	Flank, untrimmed	28	15,986	\$132.37	(0.25)
233	Legs	58	19,649	\$336.38	(12.58)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	125	42,522	\$346.72	1.29
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	41	14,280	\$501.09	(9.38)
233E	Leg, steamship	14	1,163	\$419.87	0.00
233F	Hindshank	59	13,946	\$390.06	4.41
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	120	36,059	\$528.93	(6.21)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	46	8,071	\$600.77	4.18
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	71	10,319	\$717.60	(18.79)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	21	2,018	\$721.96	(0.67)
236	Back, trimmed	12	373	\$790.03	9.79
238	Trimnings	22	2,206	\$494.72	(0.96)
239	Special trimmings	17	1,420	\$512.35	7.46
246	Tenderloin	4	78	\$1,438.64	(22.47)
295	Lamb for stewing	40	5,582	\$604.09	(0.94)
296	Ground lamb	50	8,963	\$555.54	(0.36)
	Necks	37	6,900	\$213.82	9.98

### FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	5	2,990	\$499.81	(0.14)
209	Breast	13	10,324	\$225.23	1.89
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	6	1,354	\$405.28	(22.85)
210	Foreshank	37	3,317	\$406.77	(13.83)
230	Hindsaddle	3	189	\$431.80	0.00
232E	Flank, untrimmed	10	18,725	\$127.09	1.12
233A	Leg, trotter-off	3	8,943	\$248.78	(36.63)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	6	1,601	\$580.95	(15.52)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	18	1,019	\$845.27	193.52
238	Trimnings	4	3,008	\$97.52	(0.50)
239	Special trimmings	3	1,240	\$411.45	0.00
295	Lamb for stewing	11	1,688	\$633.63	(6.23)
296	Ground lamb	53	9,631	\$583.24	(4.61)
	Necks	25	29,185	\$154.40	20.76

## NATIONAL WEEKLY COMPREHENSIVE LAMB CARCASS

Combined Negotiated, Formula and Forward Contract sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis.

\*Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.\*

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	5,693
Weight	Head	Wt	Avg
45-DN	119	502.63	
45-55#	137	397.10	
55-65#	433	354.77	
65-75#	975	322.18	
75-85#	1,409	305.39	
85-UP	2,620	290.74	

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5		Head	578
Weight	Head	Wt	Avg
45-DN			
45-55#			
55-65#			
65-75#			
75-85#			
85-UP			

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB		Head	
Weight	Head	Wt	Avg

UNGRADED		Head	314
Weight	Head	Wt	Avg
45-DN	73	355.55	
45-55#	67	353.00	
55-65#	75	327.59	
65-75#	59	325.15	
75-85#	20	238.00	
85-UP	20	238.00	

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## USDA ESTIMATED NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS CUTOUT

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average FOB plant prices collected under Mandatory Price Reporting and industry yields.

CUTS		FOB PRICE	CHANGE	% CARCASS	LBS.
FORESADDLE					
204	RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	758.88	-3.33	11.00%	7.37
209	BREAST **	213.31	-0.12	8.32%	5.57
207	SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	291.12	0.97	23.65%	15.85
210	FORESHANK	409.24	-5.23	3.97%	2.66
	NECK **	165.76	21.23	2.22%	1.49
HINDSADDLE					
232	LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	508.58	-3.14	11.04%	7.40
232E	FLANK UNTRIMMED **	129.52	0.46	3.61%	2.42
233A	LEG, TROTTER OFF	346.72	1.29	31.93%	21.39
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:		361.53	0.19	95.74%	64.15
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FORESADDLE VALUE		386.50	0.24	49.16%	32.94
HINDSADDLE VALUE		368.25	0.17	46.58%	31.21
Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$33.75					
NET CARCASS VALUE		327.78	0.19		

\* Shrink and trim of 2.85 lb's not reflected in cutout value

\* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 67.00 lbs. for W/E 04/11/2015 , unchanged from last week.

\*\*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

## ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 04/11/2015

Monday	9,575
Tuesday	10,314
Wednesday	9,966
Thursday	8,782
Friday	7,396
Saturday	92
Total	46,125

Lambs & Yearlings 94.6%  
Mature Sheep 5.4%

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except \*Actual\*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

25-Apr-2015	2.6
18-Apr-2015	2.6
Change	0.0%
*26-Apr-2014*	2.9
Change	-10.3%
2015 YTD:	45.1
*2014 YTD:*	47.6
Change	-5.2%
11-Apr-2015	3.1

## Average Live Weights

25-Apr-2015	136
18-Apr-2015	138
*26-Apr-2014*	147
11-Apr-2015	134

## Dressed

25-Apr-2015	68
18-Apr-2015	69
*26-Apr-2014*	74
11-Apr-2014	67

## Slaughter

25-Apr-2015	39,000
18-Apr-2015	37,000
Change	5.4%
*26-Apr-2014*	39,000
Change	0.0%
2015 YTD:	639,000
*2014 YTD:	677,000
Change	-5.6%

## US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 04/11/2015

Standard Federal Regions 1 /	Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
2 /	Mature Sheep	
1,000 head		
1	1.3	1.2
2	5.8	5.5
3	3.7	3.1
4	1.4	1.2
5	8.6	8.1
6	0.6	0.5
7	0.3	0.3
8	17.8	17.3
9	6.2	6.0
10	0.6	0.5
U.S. 2 /	46.1	43.6

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ States included in regions are as follows 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI;  
2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN;  
5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO & NE;  
8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding. A region may not be published due to confidentiality, but is included in totals.

## CANADIAN FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

	Current 04/11/15	Week Ago 04/04/15	Year Ago 04/12/14	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	%Change
Cattle:	51,198	40,006	56,596	711,009	773,769	-8.1%
Calves:	3,524	3,734	3,932	56,819	60,204	-5.6%
Sheep:	2,744	4,242	5,573	49,995	47,743	4.7%
Hogs:	377,876	328,479	374,262	5,794,191	5,763,885	0.5%

## Texas to Mexico Daily Livestock Exports

FRI, 4/24/2015	EXPORTS 04/23/15	CURRENT WEEK-T-D	CURRENT Y-T-D	PREVIOUS Y-T-D
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	0	0	2,877	8,940
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total Sheep	0	0	2,877	8,940

## US TO MEXICO WEEKLY LIVESTOCK EXPORT SUMMARY

THU 04/23/2015	Current Week 4/18/2015	Previous Week 04/11/2015	Current Y-T-D	Previous Y-T-D*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter					
Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Ewes	700	0	2,877	8,940	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0	
Total	700	0	2,877	8,940	-67.82%

## LAMB AND MUTTON IMPORTS

For Reporting Period: 04/12/15 to 04/18/15			Metric Tons			Week 16	
	Boneless Trimblings	Carcasses	Cuts	Edible Offals	Primals & Subprimals	Weekly Total	Year-to- Date Total
Lamb							
Australia	22	20	837		83	962	14,389
Canada							18
Chile		67				67	190
Iceland							0
New Zealand	24	44	313	26	243	650	6,733
Total	46	130	1,150	26	326	1,679	21,330
Mutton							
Australia			270	51	75	396	5,622
New Zealand			51	40	23	114	1,071
Total			371	92	98	560	6,793

## NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS AND LAMB CUTS - IMPORTED

FOB cold storage; negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 days and for delivery 22/Up days; fresh and frozen carlot volume; U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

\*Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades\*

WEEKLY VOLUME AUS = Australian NZ = New Zealand

Negotiated Sales 0-21 days:

Fresh Cuts	=	1,096,968 Pounds
Frozen Cuts	=	1,704,301 Pounds

### NEGOTIATED SALES, FRESH

Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	21	9,601	907.00 1,147.00	985.38
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	29	9,989	851.00 1,257.00	997.41
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	43	42,991	819.00 1,293.00	956.91
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	29	152,456	214.00 302.00	259.63
AUS Foreshank, VP	16	14,373	280.00 381.00	335.56
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	25	52,354	389.00 587.00	461.92
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0	23	159,924	427.00 519.00	493.02
AUS Leg, semi bnls	10	54,234	273.00 391.00	284.47

### NEGOTIATED SALES, FROZEN

Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	25	15,902	682.00 984.00	756.28
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	27	35,040	709.00 1,164.00	792.40
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	12	4,943	831.00 1,207.00	998.08
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	38	133,335	197.00 271.00	222.66
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	14	14,586	309.00 469.00	328.60
AUS Foreshank, LP	56	77,856	182.00 408.00	216.86
AUS Leg, Long	80	187,444	260.00 364.00	334.53
AUS Hindshank, LP	9	5,423	209.00 345.00	223.91
AUS Hindshank, VP	6	3,916	194.00 351.00	300.37
AUS Leg, bnls	65	89,766	314.00 405.00	341.23
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	4	1,075	742.00 875.00	767.32
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	118	68,764	697.00 928.00	807.31
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	123	127,685	677.00 928.00	781.96
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	27	19,393	744.00 884.00	787.10

## Regional Weekly Summaries

### MOUNTAIN AREAS AND WESTERN UNITED STATES DIRECT SHEEP

Receipts: 6600 Last Week: 0 Last Year: 1450

Compared to last week: Trade activity was moderate this week. There were 6600 head of confirmed trades for the week. Harvest numbers have been slightly higher over the last several weeks, but there may be a trend to start seeing those numbers fall in the next couple of weeks as demand has been low and storage space is being filled at a rapid rate. Consumer demand is still the largest struggle point at this time and packers are continuing to decrease bids. This is very apparent as numbers harvested are still down for this particular time of year compared to a year ago. The Mandatory Price Reporting, Formula Carcass report for last week was showing the average carcass weight at 82.8 lbs. Corresponding live weight calculation would be 164.9 lbs. This is indicating that weights are currently rising and still are trending to the heavy side.

### SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECT SHEEP

Feeder Lambs: Trading at a standstill. Supplies are limited and demand light. TX: None.  
Slaughter Lambs: TX: None. Slaughter Ewes: TX: None. Replacement Ewes: TX: None.

### NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT

Receipts:	Negotiated	Formula
This Period	5,344	9,353
Week to Date	5,344	9,353
Last Week Total	6,348	10,795
Last Year Total	4,727	8,292

Comments: Compared to last week, negotiated sales of slaughter lambs under 170 lbs were steady to 2.00 lower. Formula sales of slaughter lambs under 55 lbs not well tested; 55-65 lbs were sharply higher on light trading volume; 65-75 lbs were 1.00 lower; all weights over 75 lbs were 4.00 to 7.00 lower.

#### NEGOTIATED PURCHASES -

Slaughter Lambs:	Live Basis	- Choice	and Prime
Head	Weight	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg
Count	Range	Weight	Dr Pct
5344	under 170 lbs	157.30	50.40
	over 170 lbs		

#### FORMULA PURCHASES -

Slaughter Lambs:	Carcass Basis	- Choice	and Prime
Head	Weight	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg
Count	Range	Weight	Dr Pct
93	under 55 lbs	41.20	48.00
364	55-65 lbs	59.80	51.20
1095	65-75 lbs	71.20	49.60
2222	75-85 lbs	80.00	49.80
4101	85-95 lbs	90.10	50.20
1478	over 95 lbs	100.70	50.80

### NATIONAL WEEKLY SLAUGHTER SHEEP REVIEW

Formula Prices established for previously slaughtered lambs.(carcass basis)

	Domestic
Weighted Average Weight:	85.5 lbs
Weighted Average Net Price:	283.75
Wtd Average Dressing Percent:	50.1

## WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT - FOB Major Production Points

#### Per Piece Price

Pelt activity this week compared to last report: Pelt prices were steady. Some seedy pelts are still in the marketplace this week.

PELT TYPES: PACKER, SEED FREE, MOSTLY GOOD DENSITY WOOL  
SHORN Price Range UNSHORN Price Range

SHORN PELTS (Previously Shorn)	UNSHORN PELTS (Wools) (Never Shorn)
(suitable to tan, wool on) Fall Clips: 4.00-6.50 No. 1: 2.50-4.50	Pullers: (1.00)-(0.25)
No. 2: 0.00-0.50	(suitable to tan, wool on) Springers: 4.50-9.00
No. 3 & 4: (0.75)-0.00 Imperial's 6.00-8.00	Mostly: 5.50-8.25
Pickling skins(1.50)-(0.75)	

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades Monday April 20, 2015 through Friday April 24, 2015 showed 15,385 pelts consisting of 46.3% woolled, 46.7% Fall Shorn No. 1, and 7.0% No. 2-4.

## NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was moderate to good this week. There were 880,625 lbs of confirmed trades. Demand was good. A steady U.S. dollar and some increased demand this week have helped to increase the volume of wool that is being traded. Trades this week fell mostly between 75-80 percent of prices in Australia, which is mostly due to the U.S. dollar being so strong. Domestic clean wool and confirmed trades are reported on a weighted average basis. Prices reflect trades FOB warehouse in original bag or square pack, bellies out, some graded, and 76 mm or longer. No allowance made for coring, freight or handling fees at the warehouse level to reflect net grower prices (\*) indicates new prices this week. (NA) represents microns not normally available in this region. Wools shorter than 75 mm typically discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually trade at a .10-.20 premium to original bag prices.

Micron	US Grades	Fleece States	Territory States	Texas and New Mexico
18	80s	None	3.98*	None
19	70-80s	None	3.85*	None
20	64-70s	3.70*	3.63*	None
21	64s	None	3.55*	None
22	62s	None	3.43*	None
23	60-62s	3.17*	3.19*	None
24	60s	3.05*	3.04*	None
25	58s	None	2.97*	None
26	56-58s	None	2.80*	None
27	54-56s	None	2.68*	NA
28	54s	None	2.45*	NA
29	50-54s	None	None	NA
30-34	44-50s	None	None	NA

Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was moderate this week. There were 285,681 lbs of confirmed trades. All trades reported on a weighted average. Fleece States Ewe Wool: 24 micron 1.24; 29 micron 1.07. Lamb Wools: 45-50 mm 23 micron 1.31; 45-50 mm 24 micron 1.19; 45-50 mm 25 micron 1.21. Territory States Ewe Wool: 21 micron 1.60; 22 micron 1.44; 24 micron 1.29. Yearling wools: 60-65mm 19 micron 1.78; 63-70mm 21 micron 1.69; 63-70mm 22 micron 1.73. Bellies: 24 micron 0.86.

Domestic wool tags are delivered to buyer and reported on a greasy basis:

Number 1 tags	Number 2 tags	Number 3 tags
.60-.70	.50-.60	.40-.50

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was up 23 at 1153 cents per Kg clean from two weeks ago. A total of 46,370 bales were offered with sales of 98.1 percent. The Australian exchange rate was stronger by .0001 at .7750 percent of the U.S. dollar. The sale next week has a total offering of 45,026 bales.

Australian wool prices are quoted delivered Charleston, South Carolina. The current freight rate is .15 cents per pound clean. Schlumberger Dry formula is used for yield determination.

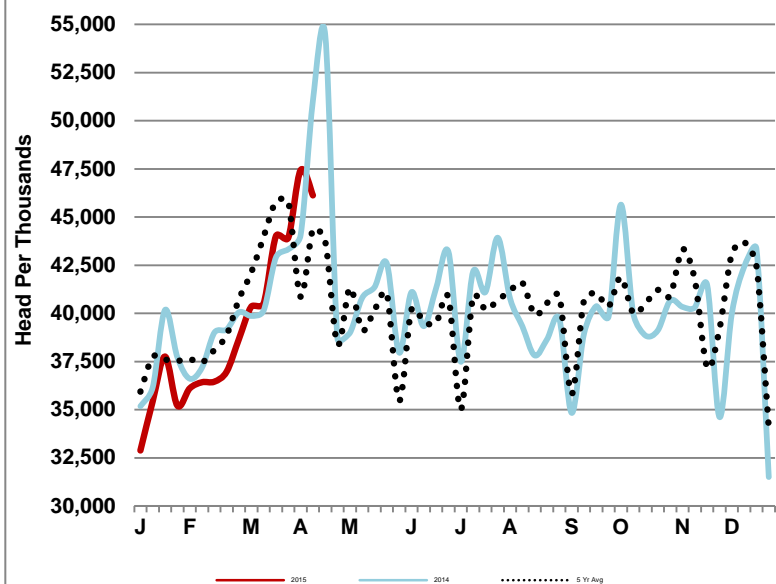
The 75-85 percent of Australia price range can be used as an estimated value of clean domestic prices FOB the warehouse and gross producer. These are estimated domestic values and may vary depending on current market conditions, yield, strength, length, colored fiber content, poly contamination, and other quality factors.

Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from Previous Sale	75-85 Percent of Australia
18	80s	4.90	+ .07	3.68-4.17
19	70-80s	4.69	+ .11	3.52-3.99
20	64-70s	4.54	+ .11	3.41-3.86
21	64s	4.46	+ .10	3.35-3.79
22	62s	4.33	+ .11	3.25-3.68
23	60-62s	4.23	+ .10	3.17-3.59
24	60s	3.98	+ .04	2.99-3.38
25	58s	3.71	+ .03	2.78-3.15
26	56-58s	3.51	+ .02	2.63-2.98
28	54s	3.16	+ .04	2.37-2.69
30	50s	2.98	+ .02	2.24-2.54
32	46-48s	2.62	+ .01	1.96-2.22
Merino Clippings		3.63	+ .04	2.72-3.09

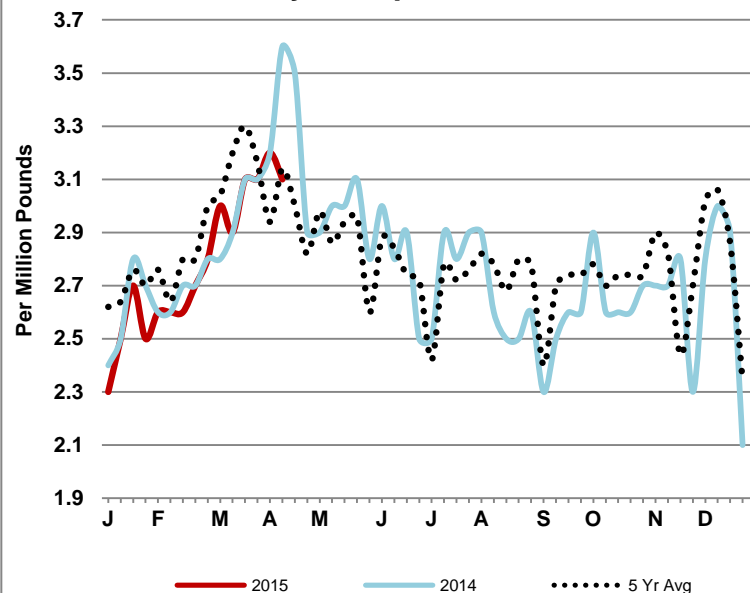
Eastern Market Indicator closed up 23 at 1153 cents per kg clean.

Australian exchange rate was stronger by .0001 at .7750 percent of the U.S. dollar.

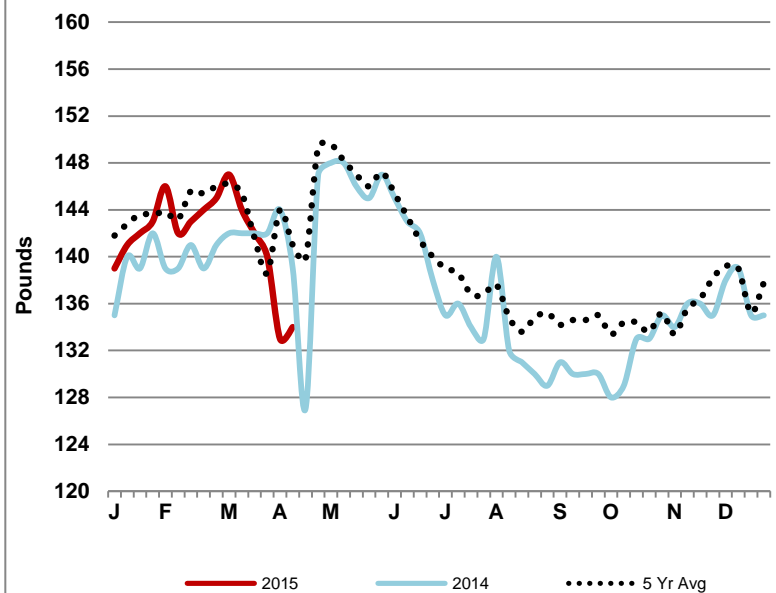
### Weekly Sheep Slaughter



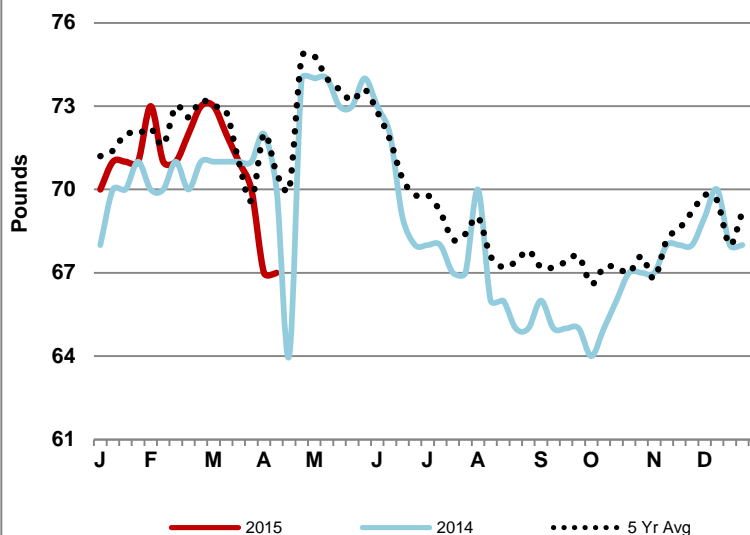
### Weekly Sheep Production



### Weekly Sheep Average Live Weight



### Weekly Sheep Average Dressed Weight



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